The cost of living is higher in San Juan County than in surrounding counties such as Whatcom and Skagit, but still lower than in the Seattle area.

San Juan data collection methodology is unknown and data provided should be used with caution. CEBR does not believe the specific data points to be accurate, but views the composite as reasonable.

Small differences in this table should be considered not significant due to data collection methodologies.

Note: Government sector includes all tribal businesses and businesses located within recognized tribal land.


The Center defines a living wage as the household earning point that adheres to a conventional banking formula dictating that a maximum of 33.3 percent of household income be allocated to housing expenses – whether mortgage or rent.

In San Juan County the average hourly wage is $16.28. For 62 percent of the workforce, the average wage does not support a one bedroom housing option. An additional 36 percent of the workforce may require two wage earners in a household for desired housing.

Note: Home purchase assumes 20% as down payment, 4% interest and is displayed as principal and interest only.

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Source: US Census Bureau, On The Map

Rate | Required Hourly Wage | Required Weekly Wage
Rent 1 Bedroom | $1,050 | $18.17 | $726.92
Rent 2 Bedroom | $1,400 | $24.23 | $969.23
Median Home Mortgage | $1,641 | $28.40 | $1,136.08

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San Juan County / Friday Harbor Economic Profile

**Housing Indicators**

**Median Resale Price Annual % Change**

Source: UW Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies

**Sales Annual % Change**

Source: UW Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies

**Building Permits Annual % Change**

Source: UW Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies

**Job Growth Since the Recession**


**Taxable Retail Sales**

*Taxes collected are reported by destination and may include sales for other jurisdictions but delivered within Whatcom County.

**Taxable Sales Per Capita**

Source: Washington State Department of Revenue

**Taxable Sales in Top Sectors**

Source: Washington State Department of Revenue

**P – 20 Performance**

**1. Student enrollment by type of institution Enrolled in Postsecondary Ed**

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**Statewide**

0.0% 2.2% 5% 69% 0.1% 40% 0% 0% 0% 0% 6/884

Note: With a small base number of students even a small number of students making one choice will result in a large percentage indicated.

Source: ERDC

**Population Demographics**

**Population Change, 2010-2016**


**Ferry Riders**

Source: WSDOT

**Unemployment**


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